

# BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL

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## ALGEBRA 1 EXEMPTION EXAM

**JUNE 1, 2019**

The purpose of this test is to determine if a student has mastered enough Algebra 1 to be exempt from taking this high school course in grade 9. This test is only for students who have completed a full year course in Algebra 1, not for students in Pre-Algebra or an 8th grade math course. All entering freshmen attending Bishop O'Connell High School who have taken a full year course in Algebra 1 must take this exam even if their preference is to repeat Algebra 1 as a freshmen. Students taking Algebra 1 in 7<sup>th</sup> grade may take the exemption exam before beginning their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.

The decision on placement in a math course for freshman year will be based on the grade achieved on the exemption exam, the math and quantitative scores on the HPST and recommendation of the 8th grade math teacher. If it is deemed that students have not mastered enough of the required Algebra 1 skills, then they will re-take Algebra 1 as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader in order to build the necessary skills to be successful in future math and science classes at Bishop O'Connell High School.

PLEASE NOTE: The diocesan Algebra 1 curriculum includes a study on inequalities. Some schools do not include this in their curriculum. Check with your Algebra teacher. If your school is not including inequalities in their curriculum, you must learn this material on your own. All students are expected to know inequalities for the exam and for future math studies at all Diocesan high school.

To help your preparation for this exam, review pages are included. Please take this exam seriously and spend time studying. Calculators are NOT allowed on this exam. If you are sick on the day of the exam, please email Mr. Bernhard on the day of the exam to schedule a time to make-up the exam.

The exam date is Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Bishop O'Connell High School.

- Students should arrive no later than 8:15am and report to the main entrance which is located in the middle of the school along Little Falls Rd.
- Bring 2 pencils.
- All students enrolled at O'Connell and taking Algebra in 8th grade are automatically registered for this exam. No prior arrangements are necessary.
- Students taking Algebra 1 in 7th grade interested in coming to O'Connell are encouraged to take this exam as a 7th grader.

Welcome to Bishop Denis J. O'Connell!

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